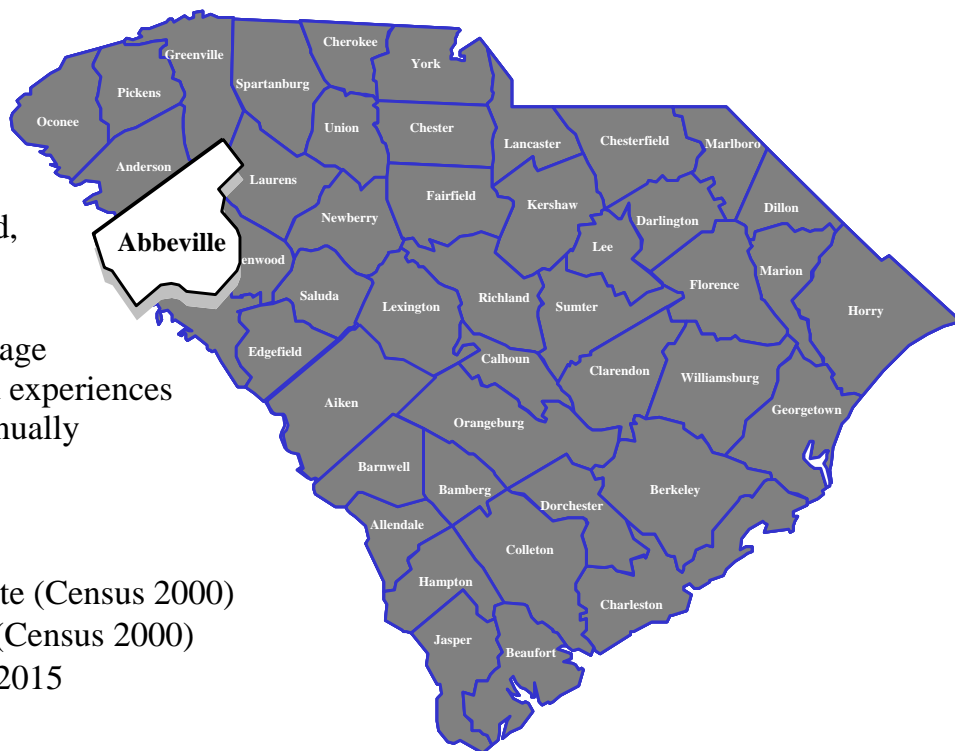


Spotlight on Abbeville County...

Location & Climate

- Located in the northwest area of the state
- Surrounded by Anderson, Greenville, Laurens, Greenwood, and McCormick counties and Georgia to the West.
- This climatic region has an average temperature of 61.8 degrees and experiences 46.72 inches of precipitation annually



Population

- 26,308 in 2004
- 68.3% white and 31.7% nonwhite (Census 2000)
- Median age was 36.9 years old (Census 2000)
- Estimated growth of 28,340 by 2015

Labor Force

- Decreased from 11,976 in 2003 to 11,971 in 2004
- Unemployment rate fell from 8.8% in 2003 to 8.2% in 2004

Employment

- Average monthly employment for the county was 10,988 in 2004, compared to 10,794 in 2003

Per Capita Income

- Per capita income for the county was \$20,289 in 2003
- It was 78% of the state's PCI of \$26,144

Unemployment Insurance Benefits

The Abbeville Workforce Center, serving Abbeville and McCormick counties, paid \$3,386,983 in regular U.I. benefits during calendar year 2004.

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